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1. Since 2 August 1946, prices of some of the basic commodities in Mukden have shown a marked increase. The following table shows comparative prices of commodities during July and August 1946. (Unit is the catty unless otherwise stated.)

Classification	Middle of July	Middle of August	Percentage of Increase
Rice	45	47	4%
Flour	37	50	35%
Millet	8	14	75%
Pork	70	80	14%
Salt	7	8	14%
Bean Oil	38	38	0%
Cotton	55	60	9%
Cotton Cloth (piece)	6700	6700	0%
(Field Note: Cloth rose to 7,400 on 25 August.)			
Lump Coal (ton)	4800	6800	41%
Fire-wood	3	4	33%

2. During the month of August, prices of all commodities increased, except kaoliang. The increase in the prices of the following commodities is attributed to the reasons below:

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- a. Coal - Transportation difficulties and inadequate official procedures for delivering coal from Fushun (123-54, 41-43) and Hsien (125-09, 42-54) to Mukden.
- b. Cotton Yarn - Interruption of communications between Mukden and Shanhaikuan (119-44, 40-00) Note: Presumably because of the Jehol Campaign.)
- c. Salt - Lack of supply.
- d. Soy beans - Buying up of stock by local authorities. A large supply went into the areas inside the Great Wall. Demand created by the oil factories in districts along the Mukden - Shanhaikuan railroad.
- e. The approach of winter is also responsible in a large measure for the sudden rise in prices.

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